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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims

Rewrite claim 5 as follows:

(Amended) An agent delivery system comprising:

a pellet containing a therapeutic substance;

a flexible and [plantable] implantable body defining an interior sized to accept the pellet and having proximal and distal ends, wherein [. The] the proximal end [being] is sized to accept the pellet and the body further having at least one opening sized to permit bodily fluid to enter the interior [of the device] but sized to prevent the pellet from exiting the interior [of the device];

an implant delivery device;

a pellet delivery tube engagable with the proximal end of the body.